

Application No. 09/851,995  
Amdt. Dated July 21, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of March 10, 2004

**Amendment to the Claims**

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (currently amended) An integrated hamper/laundry basket in the nature of substantially rectangular structure, said basket comprising:

(a) means for the selectable slidable receipt of one or more vertical partitions to thereby separate the hamper/laundry basket into a plurality of compartments into which respectively different laundry types may be separated at the time and point of deposit thereof into said basket, said solid rectangular structure including four vertical lateral walls; and

(b) apertures substantially uniformly disposed within each lateral sidewall of said structure, an aggregate of all areas of said apertures within each lateral wall not exceeding a range of between ~~about~~ not less than one-third and ~~about~~ not more than two-thirds of each of the entire area of each lateral wall,

whereby said apertures comprises a size and area sufficient to permit the aeration of clothing within said basket without detracting from the structural integrity thereof.